



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 8, 2009

Ordinance 16547

Proposed No. 2009-0348.2

Sponsors Ferguson and Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 800
2 of the King County Charter, to provide for council
3 confirmation of charter review commission members and to
4 require council consideration of charter review commission
5 recommended charter amendments; and submitting the same
6 to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at
7 the November 2009 general election.

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9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

10 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their
11 approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county
12 occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment
13 to Section 800 of the King County Charter as set forth herein:

14 **Section 800 Charter Review and Amendments.**

15 At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive
16 shall appoint a citizen commission of not less than fifteen members whose mandate shall
17 be to review the charter and present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a

18 written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the
19 charter. Appointees shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council.
20 This citizen commission shall be composed of at least one representative from each of the
21 county council districts. The county council shall consider the commission's report and
22 recommendations and decide at an open public meeting how to proceed on each of the
23 commission's recommended charter amendments, as provide by ordinance.

24 The county council may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an
25 ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county at the next general
26 election occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of the ordinance. An
27 ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power
28 of the county executive. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its
29 submission to the voters of the county shall be made in accordance with the state
30 constitution and general law. If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of
31 the voters voting on the issue, it shall become effective ten days after the results of the
32 election are certified unless a later date is specified in the amendment.

33 SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the county
34 elections director, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or
35 modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

36 Shall the King County Charter be amended to provide for council
37 confirmation of charter review commission members and to require public
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39 council consideration of the charter review commission's recommended
40 charter amendments?
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Ordinance 16547 was introduced on 6/1/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/8/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17th day of June, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

Attachments None

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